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PRICE

CITIZENS MEET NEED FOR HEROIC WORK ON FRAIL LEVEES.

Several Serious Breaks Are Caught in the Nick of Time in East St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS POLICEMEN HELP.

B. & O. and Illinois Central Embankments Give Way and Water Threatens Many Homes.

THE STOCK YARDS DESERTED.

Live-Stock Exchange Subscribers \$2000 for the Relief- Rescuers in Southern Part of City in Swarms.

I. C. EMBANKMENT GIVES WAY: PART OF EAST ST. LOUIS FLOODED.

U At 12:30 o'clock this morning the Illinois Central embankment at the Valley Railroad crossing in East St. Louis was washed from

The entire lower part of East St. Louis was flooded as a result and about 5,00

The people are greatly excited, and at ! o'clock this morning began building a dik from the other parts of the city.

It is feared now that the entire city will

With a hastily constructed levee of bags of sand and dirt from five to twenty feet high and in some places seventy-fleet wide, Esse St. Louis residents are hoping and praying for a fall in the river, which will elleve the awful pressure on the levees require the constant aftention of hundreds of watchers.

Time and again breaks were caught just in the nick of time. At several places these breaks assumed tremendous proportions in rebank the levee again.

Volunteers comprising the most prominent citizens of the town have done without sleep for days and nights watching and working on the levee which protects the

town from the flood. There is no distinction among the me who work and watch. They are all there for that purpose and from priest, lawyer and merchants to the common laborers, all work together in harmony and with a will

HELP TO PATROL LEVEES. Almost a hundred St. Louis policemen and detectives went to the assistance of hundreds of specially deputized policemen and the East St. Louis force in patrolling the levee. All are heavily armed and are preany mischiefmaker causes trouble on the dike or attempts to displace any of the sacks of dirt and sand.

Hundreds of suspicious characters have been arrested and have been taken to Belle ville, where they are working on the rock

Sheriff Wash Thompson and his Chief Deputy, Charles Cashel, have deputized a dozen men, and these work in harmony with the police.

Riot guns have been supplied to the

Deputy Sheriffs and to many of the police MAYOR COOK WORKS LIKE GENERAL DIRECTING BATTLE.

home nor has he taken off his clothes to rest since Friday. Except for a few brief spatches of rest i his armehair in his office in the City Hall he has been absolutely without sleep. His

Mayor Silas Cook has not been to his

meals have been brought to him in his office and he has continuely directed the work of the fighters of the flood.

Mayor Cook has had much experience it fighting water and the experience stood him well in hand in this flood.

Reports are brought into his office ever lifteen minutes as to the stages of th the progress being made at the various levees, the movements of the construction trains and the points that show signs of the greatest weakness.

in addition to directing the work from his office, Mayor Cook walks up and down the long dike from one part of the city to the other, giving the workingmen a lift with a sack of sand or dirt, and showing anothe man how to place the sacks on the dik-

COMMUNICATION WITH ST. LOUIS ONLY BY BOAT.

But one means of communication remain between St. Louis and East St. Louis, and

The Broadway viaduct, which spans the Cahokia Creek and the railroad yards, has been condemned as unsafe, and a cordon of police stands on either side with specific instructions to permit no one to go over the

The condemnation of the viaduct was caused by the sinking of the east pier on the south side. It sank about four feet from the undermining of the foundation by the water from the big Broadway sewer which was built beneath the pier. As a reault there is much criticism of the engineering work which is responsible for this state of affairs

A few persons, including travelers, who had purchased tickets on the St. Louis side, were permitted to cross the viaduct, as were special officers from St. Louis and physicians and those who had been caught on either side of the place,

East St. Louis or vice versa were not pernitted to cross the viaduct.

Engineer Helm had a gang of men ring the viaduct. If the other

HEAVY TRAFFIC ON RAILWAY TRANSFER STEAMER RECALLS PALMY DAYS OF RIVER TRAVEL



From the heavy damage at the Merchants' bridge and the condition of the Eads bridge railroad men say the arrangement may last The steamer makes two trips each day

departing from the foot of Vine street at te o'clock in the morning and at 4 in the Never since the tiver's most palmy days,

B. & O. EMBANKMENT.

Water started over the embank-

◆ ment of the B. & O. S.-W. R. R. in ◆

· were at once detailed to stem the

the town from the flood. Several .

The conditions were rendered crit-

their crops were commenced.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Chasell,

· sent to the location where the farm-

APPEARS AT CITY HOSJITAL

Perry Emerson, 12 years old, was brought

to the City Hospital last night by a repre-

sentative of the Salvation Army. As the

man of the family he was searching for his

mother, brother and sister, whom he found

When the floed broke the levee at Mad-

ison, the Emerson family were compelled

to seek shelter in the second story of the

and Jim, I will go for a boat," said Perry,

who, being the oldest son of his widowed

"Then, late at night," said Mrs. Emerso

at the City Hospital, "Perry started out for

the main part of town, after helping us to

"So swiftly did the water ascend upon the

was convinced that the boy had been | •

drowned before he could reach the high

Last night about 9 o'clock Miss Edith

Wilson, who is connected with the Salva-

tion Army, brought the boy Perry to the

City Hospital. The reunion was affecting.

GAVE MONEY TO A MEDIUM.

Patche Asks for Arrest of Woman

Who Promised Him Luck.

Frederick Patche, who claims to live a

Night Chief Gillaspy to arrest a fortune

teller on Washington avenue, who, he

claims, extorted \$290 from him and disap-

Patche says the woman claimed she could

Patche says the woman claimed she could give him exerlasting luck by operating on the planets, but required a big loan, which she would return when she collected her fees. He gave the police her card.

The victim was informed that a warrant would be necessary in this case, and he declares he will apply for one charging robbery or embezziement this morning.

to 60000 Etzel avenue, last night asked

section of the town in which we lived, I

mother, believed that the responsibility of

"Mother, if you will take care of Elves

quartered there.

land."

the family rested on him.

the upper story of our house."

to the injury of East St. Louis.

SON BELIEVED TO BE DEAD

ten assistants, were at once •

· counted upon to protect that part of

· hundred families may be forced to

seek immediate shelter.

down narrow Vine street to the wharfboat. A wide gangway has been built over the submerged Levee which reaches almost up o Commercial street, and to board the

Prominent business men drive down to the boat in carriages and are whisked served for them.

aboard, where they meet their friends in the main saloon and hold an informal reception, as the belies of St. Louis did half

yesterday the mail matter to be taken up on one of the trips half filled the big wharf-

Among the passengers who returned to St. Louis on one of the incoming trips were James Campbell, the broker, who had been to New York; J. F. Shepley, vice president served for them.

Women are met at the stage by uni-

PRESIDENT'S PATIENCE WITH COLOMBIA ALMOST EXHAUSTED

If the Congress Which Convenes on June 20 Does Not Show an Earnest Purpose to Consider the Panama Canal Treaty, Negotiations Will Be Abruptly Terminated.

Washington, June 9.-Important conferences have been in progress recently between Secretary Hay and persons connected with the Panama Canal enterprise, the outcome of which is to promptly terminate the negotiations lombia one way or the other.

The President's patience is well-nigh exhausted over the conflicting reports in regard to the treaty that come from Colombia, and that Government is to be made aware of that fact.

On the 20th inst. the Colombian Congress will convene, and its proceedings will be watched with the greatest interest here. If it shows an earnest purpose to consider the treaty, a due allowance of time will be made by our Government. If there is an evident purpose to delay ratification beyond a reasonable time, then the treaty negotiations will be abruptly terminated, and the President will proceed to carry out the next instruction of Congress, namely, to arrange with Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the aconisition of canal rights.

passengers will be permitted to use the via-TRAFFIC BY RAIL

The water stood from four to five feet deep at the Relay Station, and as a result • the southeastern part of East St. • the railroads were shut out of the use of ♦ Louis at 11 o'clock last night. Men ♦ the Eads bridge. Such roads as the Vandalia, the Patri-

nore and Ohio, the Louisville and Nash- over the embankment that was ville and the Southern and the Illinois Central took on and let off passengers on the utskirts of the town. There was grave fear last evening that the Illinois Control and the Vandalia would have to suspend operations altogether on this division The Wabash stops at Edwardsville, from

where the passengers are transferred to the East St. Louis and Suburban electric cars, and are conveyed by way of Collins ville and Edgement to East St. Louis. That portion of the East St. Louis and Suburban road between Lansdowne and Col-

linsville has been abandoned because of the water. The electric cars for Collinsville and Edwardsville now run by way of Edgemont and French Village TENTS SECURED FOR

STOCK VARDS REFUGEES.

The National Stock Yards, Whisky Chute Goose Hill and all that section of the city is under water. That part of what is known as Illino

Dealers at the stock vards vesterday re moved all of their live stock, horses and nules to places beyond the flood levels. No more cattle are coming in, and th

City west of the B. & O. tracks, is under

ock yards are practically deserted People living in the vicinity%of the stock

ards were all compelled to leave their omes because of the water, which rose steadily Monday night and now is up to econd floor of many of the houses To take care of these persons Mayor Cook esterday secured 300 tents and a large number of blankets from the Governor at

Springfield. Conditions are very similar in Rush City and Tudorville, which places are populated only by negroes.

At a meeting of the East St. Louis Live Stock Exchange at the National Stock Yards \$2,000 was subscribed for the relief of the flood sufferers and to protect the city from the flood.

A committee, consisting of Al Keechler, president, and Harry Parry, secretary, and C. T. Jones, Hugh Mills and W. F. Smith, were selected to supervise the work. Yesterday afternoon they had secured a hundred wagons and several hundred laborers for the dike work.

MANY REMOTE CELLARS. The water in the Cahokia Creek com nelled the engineer at the Broadway pump to close down the pump, which has been oumping the sewage out of the city Shortly afterwards a break in the Broad vay sewer occurred. Two steam fire en

age. ocep water is beginning to make city. Cellars are being filled slowly with the water, which is steadily seeping through the ground.

gines are now at work numping the

ST. LOUIS WITHOUT SERVICE OF THE EASTERN RAILROADS.

Flood Covers Approach of Eads Bridge and Cuts Off Only Means of Train Communication-Boat Service Continued by C. & A., Big Four and Burlington Lines.

Louis and St. Louis was found to be im-This was due to the water rising over

the tracks east of the approach of the Eads bridge and also covering the Van dalla tracks near Willow Station It is stated that engines could be rushed

through the water over the Eads bridge a Wabash accommodation train, which approach if it had not been for the danger f making waves high enough to harm the

and when it was found that the Vandalia tracks, which had been used by the Louis ville and Nashville, Southern Illinois Central and the Vandalia for the last day or o, were flooded near Willow Station, the last hope of establishing Eastern train service from Union Station was given up, and the resources of the traffic officials were turned to utilizing all of the track obtain-

Orders were given out that the Vandalia train should not be operated west of Effingham III, but it is stated that arrange ments will be made with an electric line running from Effingham to bring St. Louis passengers to a more convenient point.

Baltimore and Ohio passengers were re ceived and entertained at Cone Station, near East St. Louis, from which point they took the car to the viaduct near the east ap-▲ farmers on the northeast side of East ◆ preach of the Eads bridge, which was con-♦ St. Louis to relieve the overflow upon ♦ lemned yesterday for car and wagon service, and only passengers to the trains were cross it. From the viaduct terminus the cars were taken over the Eads bridge, and at Third street other cars were taken up into the city.

The Louisville and Nashville, Southern and Illinois Central ran trains to and from East St. Louis yesterday, as did the Vandalla from Willow Station.

These roads kept close to their regular schedule and got their trains out with but little trouble from tracks near the Relay

Service on the Mobile and Ohio was an nulled, as was service on the Chicago, Pec ria and St. Louis.

The Chicago and Alton continued and added to its boat service from St. Louis to Alton, as aid the Burlington and Big Four. The steamboat Spread Eagle and two other boats have been engaged. Trains departed from Alton shortly after 7 o'clock vesterday evening and about noon,

Train communication between East St. | The boats leave the foot of Vine street trains sent out by these lines.

Every effort was made yesterday to keep the Wabash service going with but as litttle delay as possible. It was announced that the electric car line to Edwardsville could be used from East St. Louis to Edwards ville, where connection would be made with

would take passengers to Decatur, where the Wabash Chicago line would be made up shortly after 9 p. m. and a morning train As far as the Eastern trains are con-

all that can be done to get their patrons to their destinations, an exact schedule or one ven approximating the time of the ar rival and departure of a train is said to e practically out of the question, and in the same manner are all questions as to the time in which the present chaos can be changed into order It all depends on how long the water stays p. Until it goes down nothing can be done

but as soon as it does recede it is generally believed that traffic can be started on much better lines within a few hours, as but few if the tracks have been washed away to any considerable extent. The Wabash is continuing its Kansas City

service without a break, using the Missouri Kansas and Texas from Moberly to Sedalla and the Missouri Pacific from Sedulla to Kansas City. To the Missouri Pacific is due the credit

of keeping up a continuous and practically and St. Louis throughout all the flood pe as well as its Southern lines. Aside from maintaining its own service on all but about seven miles of its own

tracks, the Missouri Pacific has afforded trackage to the Burlington, Santa Fe. Wabash and other lines. Vice President and General Manager Rus sas City, where he has been since the flood

began, and to whose efforts the excellent record of the Missouri Pacific is said to b in a great measure due. The Missouri Pacific is now running train: into Union Station over its own tracks from

St. Louis. Other Western lines are catching up of their Western service, and the traffic be

tween St. Louis and Kansas City is prac tically uninterrupted.

LOCAL RISE PRECEDES FALL PREDICTED FOR RIVER TO-DAY. •

Local conditions, the weather authorities say, caused a fluctuation in the stage • of the river at St. Louis yesterday which established a new high-water mark for • the present flood of 37.75 feet, which was the reading at midnight.

Reports of a fall from upriver points and along the Missouri indicate that there . • will be a gradual fall at this point from the present stage, and it is not anticipated • . that any circumstance will cause a further rise.

Predictions of the St. Louis Weather Bureau Monday morning were for a fall ♦ and announcement was made that the crest of the flood had passed with the local • • stage at 37.5. At midnight following there was a fall of .4, but the reading at 9 • ♦ o'clock yesterday morning was 37.45, and it continued to advance until the high ♦ record of 37.75 was registered at midnight.

The official bulletin of the river conditions and forecast follows: "The Missouri at Hermann has fallen 1.6 foot from the highest stage reached at that point. The Mississippi at Keokuk has fallen .3 and at Hannibal .1 in the last twenty-four hours. At St. Louis the river has changed very little within the ♦ last twenty-four hours, and at 9 o'clock this morning the reading was 37.45 feet. ♦ ♦ The Missouri River will fall rapidly throughout its entire course for several days. ◆ The Mississippi will begin to fall at St. Louis to-day and will continue to fall at ◆ points north of the mouth of the Missouri. A steady fall is now in progress at all · points north of St. Louis."

RIVER'S SECOND RISE CAUSES EXODUS FROM TRI-CITIES.

Relief Boats Nearly Depopulate the Flooded District About Venice, Madison and Granite City, Where Inhabitants Were Endeavoring to Remain-High Wind Brings Backwater Up Two Feet and Terrorizes Refugees.

SEARCH FOR SUPPOSED DEAD SHOWS SOME TO BE ALIVE.

At midnight the river gauge at St. Louis registered 37.75, the highest stage of the present rise.

Frightened by a further rise of the water and reports of a second flood, there was a rush to get away from the stricken cities of Venice, Madison and Granite City yesterday, which almost depopulated the towns. Relief boats, carrying provisions to those who had remained to battle with

the flood, were loaded to their guards upon their return with refugees. Shelter was provided for all in need of assistance immediately upon their arrival, and such of those as were sick were hurried to the hospitals.

Plenty of food has been provided for these who are still in the inundated district, and none is regarded as being in peril, Search for the missing in the Tri-Cities shows that many persons who were

thought to be dead are safe, and the death list as first reported will be greatly Heroic work is being done in East St. Louis to restrain the encroaching

water, and citizens are still hopeful that the property damage will be kept at the minimum Traffic through the Merchants' bridge gateway to the city is still cut off.

wing to the washing away of a part of the bridge approach, but yesterday relief trains plied between St. Louis and the point where the washout occurred. bringing into the city many of the refugees. Since noon yesterday the Eads bridge has been closed to train traffic, due to

high water at the east approach. This cuts St. Louis off from all direct Eastern connection, and it is not possible to say when the service will be restored. East St. Louis is the present terminus for all lines that can enter that city,

and other roads are transferring passengers by boat from Alton.

The rising water in the Tri-Cities, the f to Bremen avenue. Independent rowboats break in the Cahokia back-water levee and carried families from the inundated houses the report that the Mississippi River is apt to rise three feet spread terror through the get one of these trains.

LEVEES PILED HIGH

The result was almost the depopulation of the towns. Ventce, Madison and Granite City had not 5 per cept of their normal population in them last night. The flood rose fully two feet in the Tri-Cities vesterday.

This was due in part to the fact that the vest wind banked the water up on the east side of the river, and more especially beause the water inside the railroad tracks. which girdle the towns, had not reached the level of the river itself.

Water coming down from the breaks in the principal levees north of Granite City oon filled the farm lands to the river level as far as the Chicago and Alton tracks. Then the water overflowed the tracks into

the Tri-Cities, TRI-CITIES YET HAVE ANOTHER FOOT TO WITHSTAND.

On Monday the fall was fully three feet, esterday it was only one foot, explaining the two-foot rise in Venice and the other cities. This fall has extended from Granite City to Venice, a distance of fully three miles, which shows that the Tri-Cities yet

have another foot to withstand. The report of a three-foot rise in the river itself was brought by men in a skiff, who declared that they secured the information in St. Louis and came to warn the East

Newspapers and other reliable sources of nformation are scarce, and this rumor spread like wild fire. Communication with Forcaster Bowle by telephone at St. Louis iid much to dissipate this false impression. but the stampede of the citizens could not

The break in the Cahokia back water evee does not seriously threaten this locallty. It has let the waterflow in from Horseshoe Lake, filling up the small area

nore quickly than would otherwise have ocerned, while the traffic officials are doing The rise in the towns has done little more lamage than was accomplished before it ame. It affects particularly Granite City, as it submerged districts which had not

een previously reached. There are now only ten blocks in Granite City out of water. SUFFERING DIMINISHED

BY RELIEF BOATS. Steamers, launches and rowboats, carrying supplies from St. Louis, decreased suffering in the flooded district to a large extent yesterday.

The relief work in Madison and Venice was done indiscriminately, the boats taking supplies wherever it was heard that they were needed.

In Granite City the relief was conducted by representatives of the Niedringhaus interests. Much has been done to relieve the situation and ald persons actually in need at that place.

more numerous and accessible. Skiffs plied among the houses from the voluntary ferryboats-the William McClelland the Annie Russell and the Mark Twain-taking refugees to the steamers without charge. Terminal engines continued to run from he east approach of the Merchants' bridge

to the bridge embankment, where they could LEVEES PILED HIGH

WITH VARIOUS SUPPLIES Scenes attending the distribution of the supplies were picturesque and full of in-

terest. The William McClelland loaded at the levce opposite Granite City. The bank was piled high with sacks of flour, bags of cornmeal, cases of eggs, boxes of beans, numberiess hams and many sides of bacon, and in addition several thousand loaves of

bread. From this place the food was loaded into the smaller boats and these lighter crafts skimmed across the waste of water to where the white flags of distress showed

the need of aid. It was about a mile from the levee to Granite City and two miles to Madison, The six or eight boats requisitioned for this work made many trips during the day, and with some known exceptions it is believed

that all who were needing provisions were provided for. The Annie Russell and the Mark Twair landed at the railroad tracks farther south and cafried on a work similar to that of the McClelland. They provided food for those who wished to stay, fed all who

came aboard, and took refugees and their belongings across the river, if that was what they desired, asking no recompense. DEATH LIST DECREASED BY SEARCH FOR MISSING It is certain that the death list in Venice and Madison will be very short. No bodies

have been found, although a close search has been made in the places where persons are reported to have been drowned. In addition to this fact several who were sald to have been victims are alive and weil. Among them who are safe are W. H.

Callhorn, a liveryman of Venice, and his son, David. Walter Achor has also been found to be safe. A Republic reporter made a thorough canvas along State street in Madison, along the Edwardsville rock road and Main street in

Venice, and found no person who was certain that particular persons were dead. More than a score in Madison attest the reported drowning of Polanders near the American Car and Foundry Company's plant on Sunday The number is still fixed

by the majority at seven. Wesley Cates, formerly an employe at the foundry, declares that he saw two women go under at West Madison, when the flood struck that place. He did not know who the persons were.

Negroes now housed in the car foundry say that George Washington, a negro who lived near the Merchants bridge, was drowned when the flood broke over his

EFFECT OF HIGH WIND

APPARENT IN FLOOD AREA. A trip through the flooded area showed the effects of Monday night's wind. Drift, strawstacks, chicken coups, sheds, houses and all manner of things, were piled along the levees and railroad tracks wherever obstructions of the kind existed.

Even though the wind had materfally gone down yesterday the river gauge regis-Continued on Page Three.

Leading Topics in To-Day's Republic.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 34 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7:28. THE MOON RISES THIS EVENING AT

GRAIN CLOSED: ST. LOUIS-JULY WHEAT 77% ASKED: JULY CORN 47% CHICAGO-JULY WHEAT 75%c; JULY

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For Missouri-Fair and cooler Wednesday, Thursday fair. For Illinois-Fair Wednesday: cooler in extreme south. Thursday fair. For Arkansas-Showers and cooler Wednesday. Thursday partly cloudy;

For East Texas-Showers Wednesiny; cooler in northeast. Thursday probably fair. West Texas-Fair in north showers in south Wednesday and

2. Merchants' Exchange Relief Fund In-

creased by \$2,400. 4 Society Events.

Subway Amednment Gives More Reve-

Grank Jury Member Knows of Boodling. 5. Said to Be Youngest Pupil to Enter

British Medal for American Architect.

7. Disruption in Ranks of the Republicans.

8. Governor Dockery Greets Credit Men. Religious News, 9. The Republic Form Chart.

Miss Crawford, Filly of the Year. 10. Browns Lose to New York. 15. Chicago Grain Markets.

12. Republic "Want" Ads. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations, 13. Rooms for Rent Ada,

11. Wall Street Discouraged. Wheat Closed Higher, Transit Company Gains.

Summary of St. Louis Markets. 6. Mason Criticises Yates. Cote Brilliant School Exercises. Loubet May Not Visit the Pope.

*** KILLS HER HUSBAND**

BEFORE HE CAN SHOOT. 2 Butte, Mont., June 9.-Mrs. Leo . Brown of Powderville to-day shot . • and killed Dick Standfer, a cowboy, • her former husband. Standfer

· knocked her down twice When Standfer attempted to draw • his revolver Mrs. Brown got hers . first and killed him.